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Groundhog Job Shadow Day success

By Sgt. Anwaar AIMoribat
Press Chief

Area high school and college students came to MCLB Feb. 6 to get a better understanding of what medical professionals, firefighters and others do daily as part of the base's Groundhog Job Shadow Day.

The job shadow day is held annually to give students an opportunity to explore potential careers by shadowing service members and civilian Marines currently working in the field. The program also gives students partnered with service members a chance to learn more about life in the military.

The Branch Medical Clinic, military police, MCLB Barstow Fire Department and the public affairs office collectively gave 15 students a sampling of what their career fields have to offer. Students from Central High School, Silver Valley High School, Barstow High School and Barstow Community College participated in job shadow day activities.

For many of the students it was their first time aboard a military installation and their first opportunity to see firsthand what the professionals they opted to shadow do on a daily basis.

"I knew that firefighters fight fires," said Silver Valley student Shernedra Kelly. "But I didn't know about a lot of the other stuff, like the kind of things Chief



Yokzajalandy Olea, Justine Casioce and Danielle Rodriguez learn about photography and photojournalism during Groundhog Job Shadow Day. Several area high school and college students took part in the program.

Ackley does every day—inspecting buildings to make sure that they are safe."

Kelly and Central High student Sadie Hawkins shadowed Mary Jane Ackley, assistant chief of Fire Prevention, through her workday. Women have long been an established segment of America's firefighting population and their ranks

are steadily growing, a fact that neither of Ackley's shadows were aware of. According to the assistant chief, increasing the level of awareness can only serve to bring more young women with aspirations of becoming firefighters into the fold.

Barstow Fire Department explorer

Danielle Murphy, a student at Central High, used the day to learn more about public affairs and journalism.

"I found that I didn't know nearly as much about what the media is and journalism as I thought I did," said Murphy.

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New scam taking IRS-fearing taxpayers for rides

Internet-based identity thieves hide behind ultimate auditors

By Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt
BARSTOW LOG staff

A new scam aimed at taxpayers, designed to steal vital information, is on the Internet during tax season this year.

According to Command Sgt. Maj. Stephen Buckley, Army Finance Command, the Michigan Department of Treasury received an alert from the Internal Revenue Service about a fraudulent scam being conducted via e-mail.

Some taxpayers have received e-mail from a non-IRS source indicating they are under audit and need to fill out a questionnaire within 48 hours to avoid the assessment of penalties and interest, according to Buckley.

The e-mail asks for the taxpayer's

social security number, bank account numbers and other confidential information, according to Buckley.

The IRS does not conduct audits through the e-mail system, nor does it notify taxpayers they are being audited via e-mail, according to Buckley.

Identity theft is a major problem for consumers in America.

Identity theft heads the Federal Trade Commission's list of consumer fraud complaints for 2001. It accounts for 42 percent of more than 200,000 complaints entered into the FTC's consumer database, according to Staff Sgt. Nicholas Betlewicz, physical security chief for the base Provost Marshal's Office.

Identity theft is a more sophisticated type of crime.

"Identity theft is basically the act of stealing your good name to commit fraud by obtaining charge cards or enough information to establish accounts in your name," said Betlewicz.

Unfortunately, there is no definite way to avoid becoming a victim.

"You can't prevent identity theft," said Betlewicz. "All you can do is minimize your risk by managing your personal information wisely."

Using common sense is the best weapon against identity theft, said Betlewicz.

"It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out you need to protect your assets like your social security number, your PIN numbers for any kind of ATM cards or credit cards, your personal ad-

dress and telephone number," said Betlewicz.

Regular checks of one's credit can help stop identity theft.

"One of the best ways you can catch identity theft is to regularly check your credit report," said Betlewicz. "The three major credit bureaus out there are Equifax, Experian, and Transunion."

Links to these companies, and much more information on identity theft, are just a click away on the Internet.

"All you have to do is go to www.consumer.gov," said Betlewicz.

Naturally, safeguarding belongings is the major concern.

"One of the big things people need

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THE COMMANDER'S FORUM

The "Commander's Forum" is a tool of the base commander to hear and address the concerns of base residents, employees and others. To contact the Commander's Forum, call the hotline at 577-6535 or send your concerns via e-mail to Forumc@barstow.usmc.mil.

What was the base commander's rationale for denying the city of Barstow's offer to extend public transportation on base? By not allowing public transportation on base, the Marine Corps contributes to the inefficient energy management, single occupant cars, traffic congestion and the like.

The generous offer from the city of Barstow to provide a limited bus service for the base was "put on hold" until a logistical set of security measures could be developed to accommodate this offer.

Unfortunately, similar services provided to other installations has had negative results in regard to security breeches and a rise in crime.

During these challenging times, the security of our residents and tenants overrides the possible "de minimus" convenience that this service would render. Please understand that the offer was not rejected "out of hand,"

but it was put on hold. The command will look at re-entertaining the city's offer concerning public transport as soon as several other security and safety issues can be addressed.

SUBMISSION guidelines

The Commander's Forum is used to keep the work force informed, to explain why things are the way they are or appear to be, and, when possible, to correct situations or make improvements.

It is a valuable two-way communication channel through which people may address concerns they're not able to resolve through the normal chain of command.

Every Commander's Forum call or e-mail is researched, even if it is not published in the Barstow Log. If "callers" identify themselves, they will receive a response.

The key to having a question and its response published in the BARSTOW LOG is that the it be specific and address things that may impact a significant amount of the base employees or tenants.

A winning introduction

By Lt. Cmdr. Elmon R. Krupnik
Base Chaplain



The Super Bowl began with the introductions of some of the team members to a national audience.

The introductions were a public acknowledgment of some of the players that were responsible for the team's ability to compete in the Super Bowl Championship game.

The Super Bowl is a cumulative event of winning for an entire football season. Only one team goes home a winner. The Bible addresses winning in a different way.

Proverbs 11:30 tells us, "He who wins souls is wise."

What does winning souls mean? I believe it means that all of us have an obligation out of

our devotion to God to introduce or reintroduce others to God.

The first disciple to follow Jesus was Andrew. After meeting Jesus, he went and found his brother, Peter, and introduced him to Jesus. From that introduction, Christ used Peter in a dynamic way to build His church.

When we introduce someone to God, we are presenting a winning situation that will last for an eternity.

All of us potentially are part of that winning team that belongs to God. We need to follow up on the introductions and participate in our Super Bowl of life with a spiritual commitment to God and to each other. The championship game of life has eternal consequences.

Let us all help each other as teammates to celebrate and share in the victory that has already been won, and to go home a winner.

Blessings to all,
Chaplain Krupnik

Chapel Services

Protestant Sun. 8:30 a.m.
Mass Sun. 10:30 a.m.

**Confession services
before Mass**

Catholic Rosary

First Saturday of every month.
3 p.m. at the Base Chapel.

For more info call
577-6849.

Nebo Bible Study

Wednesday Noon-1:30 p.m.

At the Chapel Office.

For more info call
577-6849.

Just doing my job ...



Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

Gunnery Sgt. Bruce Raymond, substance abuse counselor for Headquarters Battalion, and Staff Sgt. Joseph Johnson, substance abuse counselor for Personal Services, conduct a Marine Alcohol Awareness Class. The class is aimed at teaching Marines the Marine Corps policies on alcohol, tools to drink responsibly, and the difference between use, abuse and dependency.



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NEWS BRIEFS

"News Briefs" is designed to disseminate information to the MCLB Barstow community. Submissions should include a point of contact and phone number, and be received by noon, Friday for the next issue. Submit news briefs via e-mail to editor@barstow.usmc.mil.

Calico Civil War Re-enactment

Calico Ghost Town is holding a Civil War re-enactment Saturday through Monday. There will be Union and Confederate camps set up as well as drills, cannons, a battle, and much more. For more information, call 1-800-TOCALICO.

Water Outage

A temporary water outage for the Desert View and Eniwetok housing units is scheduled for Feb. 25 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the installation of a new water meter.

Science Fair Judges Needed

The 2002 Barstow Unified School District Science Fairs start today at Montara School with more judges needed to support the program through the remainder of February.

MCLB Marines and civilian Marines have continued to bring parity to a very important judging process and provide a meaningful and positive impact on participating students at impressionable ages since 1995.

Science Fairs still to be judged are: Lenwood School - Tuesday Barstow Middle and Hinkley Schools - Wednesday Kennedy Middle and Crestline Schools - Feb. 21

The District Science Fair is Feb. 27 at Barstow College.

For more information, call 1st Lt. Bryan McClune at 577-7174 or Staff Sgt. John Green at 577-6422.

African American History Luncheon

The African-American History Month Luncheon, sponsored by the Black Employment Program Committee, is scheduled for Feb. 28 at 11 a.m. at the Oasis Club.

The guest speaker will be Rev. William Knight.

The luncheon is open to all military and civilian employees and their guests. Tickets are \$6.75 and must

be purchased by Feb. 21.

For more information, call Robin Cross-Walker at 577-6395, or Gunnery Sgt. Bruce Raymond at 577-6364.

CWRA Trip

The Civilian Welfare and Recreation Association is sponsoring a trip to the J. Paul Getty Museum March 2. The cost of the trip is \$10. For more information, call Dan Keirn at 577-6614.

Disney honors Armed Forces

Disney's Armed Forces Salute Program honors the men and women in active military who are fighting for freedom today by offering complimentary seven-day admission into Disney's U.S. theme parks, as well as ticket discounts for family members and friends January 1 to April 30, 2002, by all four of the Walt Disney World Resorts - Orlando, Florida, Anaheim, Calif., Paris, France, and Tokyo, Japan. Honored men and women will also receive a packet of special offer tickets.

The complimentary seven-day admissions passes and special offer tickets can be obtained only at the four Walt Disney World Theme Park ticket windows.

These tickets cannot be obtained at Shades of Green or military base ticket offices.

For more information about tickets for shows or other theme parks call the Information Ticket and Travel office, 577-6541.

Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation

Application packets for academic year 2002-2003 scholarships through the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation are now available.

Sons and daughters of present active duty and reserve Marines; former Marines and reservists who have received an honorable discharge, medical discharge or who were killed while

in the service are eligible for the scholarship.

Active duty, reserve, or former Navy corpsmen who are serving or have served with the Marine Corps are also eligible.

Also, those applying must fall into one of the following categories: a high school senior, a high school graduate, currently enrolled as an undergraduate in an accredited college or university, or currently enrolled in a post high school accredited vocational/technical school. Family income must be \$49,000 or less.

The application deadline is April 1. For an application packet write to: Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, P.O. Box 3008, Princeton, N.J., 08543-3008, or e-mail a request to mcsf@aosi.com, or visit <http://www.marine-scholars.org>.

Auto Hobby Shop

The Auto Hobby Shop hours changed Jan. 16. The new hours are Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 10 p.m. to 6 p.m. For more information call Rena Montano at 577-6391.

Mounted Color Guard

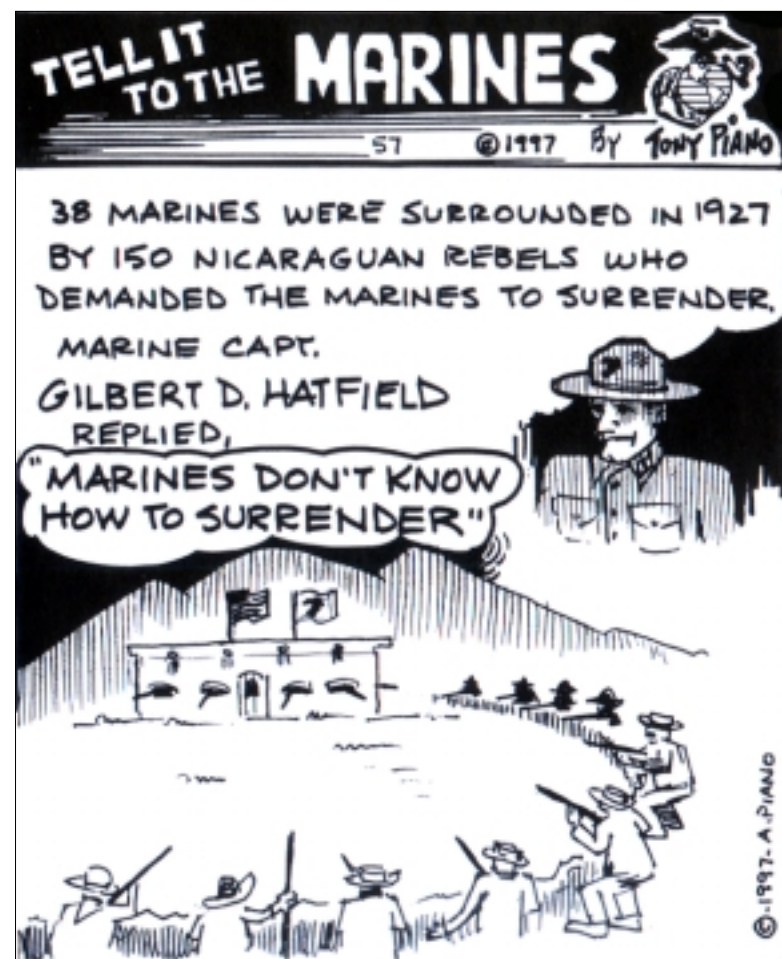
The Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard is seeking members.

There are no prerequisites, other than being an active duty Marine. Previous experience with horses is not necessary. Mounted Color Guard Marines represent MCLB Barstow at parades and events throughout the country.

To join or find out more, visit the base stables at the rear gate of the Yermo Annex during normal working hours, or call Master Gunnery Sgt. Kim Ortamond at 577-7302 or 577-7003.

NMCI Web site

The Marine Corps recently launched its newly developed Navy/Marine Corps Intranet Web site, <http://www.nmciinfo.usmc.mil>.



The Web site is now the single, authoritative source of information on NMCI for the Marine Corps, according to MARADMIN 608/01. The new site replaces the NMCI information sites hosted by both the NMCI program manager and Headquarters Marine Corps Command, Control, Communications and Computers.

The new site will provide up to date information on all areas of interest from program documentation to points of contact and frequently asked questions.

For more information visit the Web site, <http://www.nmciinfo.usmc.mil>.

Playmornings

Every Wednesday morning from 10-11:30 a.m. the New Parent Support Program hosts Play Morning at the McKinney Youth Center for parents with children ages six and under.

Among the numerous activities are crafts fun for children and parents alike.

For more information call June Treadwell, 577-6332.

Recycling reminder

All glass, plastic, paper products, and small pieces of cardboard should be placed in the blue 95 gallon containers or the green metal bins, and all cardboard should be placed in the cardboard collection containers located throughout both the Nebo and Yermo Annexes.

There are several green, 3 cubic

yard bins located throughout the base for the collection of recyclable materials. Use of these containers is encouraged to help reduce the amount of material being sent to the landfill. The containers are located at the Commissary Parking Lot in Nebo, on the north side of Building 15, and at the Yermo Annex on F Street in front of the Roundhouse (locomotive repair building).

Pick-up for the 95 gallon and green bins is Tuesdays and pickup for the cardboard containers is Wednesdays.

To request more recycling bins or to have unused bins removed or for more information about recycling contact Carmela Gonzalez, 577-6744, gonzalezcj@barstow.usmc.mil.

Marine For Life

The Commandant's Marine For Life program is poised for final development and on-the-ground operational capability by summer 2002.

Marine For Life will assemble and develop the already existing "Marine Corps network" to support and improve assistance to the 27,000 Marines leaving active service each year; sponsor them upon their return to civilian life, keep them in the Marine Corps family, and reemphasize the value of honorable service.

By harnessing the civilian skills, business contacts, and personal networks of veteran Marines into a self-perpetuating resource for assisting transitioning Marines, recruiting future generations, and promoting the Marine Corps as an institution, Marine For Life will help provide tangible evidence of the intangibles of being a Marine.

Job Watch

Annc No.	Title/Series/Grade	Open	Close	1st Cutoff	Location
DEU-051-02-NR	Painting Worker WG-4102-07 (Term NTE 366 days)	01-24-02	02-22-02	02-06-02	MCLB Barstow

Applicants interested in announcements beginning with DEA or OTR should submit their résumé to:

Human Resources Service Center, Southwest
ATTN: Code 522 (announcement number)
525 B Street, Suite 600
San Diego, CA 92101-4418

For more information concerning public job announcements visit the Self-Service, Bldg. 37, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. or call the Human Resources Office, 577-6357.

If you have Internet access, browse to <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>.

For information regarding Open Continuous Merit Promotion announcements point your browser to <http://www.donbr.navy.mil>.

This is not an official list. Please see the Websites listed for a complete list.

Battle Color Ceremony

Marine Drum and Bugle Corps, Silent Drill Platoon to visit MCLB March 7

The free, public 2002 Marine Corps Battle Ceremony is scheduled to be held on Sorensen Field here at noon March 7.

The Marine Drum and Bugle Corps, the Silent Drill Platoon and the Marine Corps Color Guard are known across the country and abroad for their precision drill and exciting musical arrangements.

The Drum and Bugle Corps, dressed in brilliant red and white uniforms, open 60 minutes of pageantry playing contemporary songs and uniquely choreographed drill movements in a program entitled "Music in Motion."

Dressed in ceremonial blue and white uniforms, the 24-member Silent Drill Platoon then, without verbal commands, takes the spotlight performing an intricate series of calculated drill movements and precise

rifle handling with bayoneted 10-pound M-1 rifles.

Following the drill, the Color Sergeant of the Marine Corps presents the national flag and the official colors of the Marine Corps, known as The Battle Color. The Marine Corps Battle Color, with its many multicolored streamers, represents the battles, campaigns, and expeditions Marines participated in during the past 227 years.

Following the presentation of the colors and national anthem, Base Commander Col. Liz Bergman will be the reviewing officer when the units pass in review playing the Marines' Hymn, concluding the ceremony.

The ceremonial Marines are stationed at Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C., which is known as the "Oldest Post of the Corps."



Official USMC photo

Foresight can prevent painful lessons learned from hindsight

Submitted by
Base Safety Office

Whether people are working in an unfamiliar or familiar environment, they always need to be focused on safety foresight.

For example, an optical instrument repairer here hit his head last quarter while backing up under an MK48 frame. He hit his head so hard that his head swelled and he began to vomit. Afterward, he suffered headaches and experienced double vision. He ended up losing 14 days of work.

He had been working at the Optical Shop previously and had only recently shifted to the line where he was injured.

Although hard hats are available to all employees, they are not required when working under vehicles. They are, however, required while working with and around cranes.

Occupational Safety and Health Administration Regulations (Standards - 29 CFR 1926.100) state "employees working in areas where there is a possible danger of head injury from impact, or from falling or flying objects, or from electrical shock and burns, shall be protected by protective helmets."

Standard number 1910.135 further states "the employer shall ensure that each affected employee wears a protective helmet when working in areas where there is a potential for injury to the head from falling objects."

OSHA's regulations for the wearing of hard

hats for construction and general industry merely outline the requirements for head protection.

A letter from Thorne G. Auchter, former OSHA assistant secretary, helps interpret the standards.

"The employer must determine which employees are exposed to possible head injury hazards, and assure that they wear appropriate head protection. Where employees are not exposed to possible head injuries, head protection is not required by OSHA standards. An employer may choose to require the wearing of head protection by certain employees or in certain activities at all times as a precautionary measure, although this may be a matter subject to labor/management negotiation."

The intent of the standards is for head protection to be used whenever it is necessary by reason of hazard of processes or environment that could cause head injuries.

As the letter later states, there are no exhaustive guidelines for determining whether head protection is required because such determination must be done on a case-by-case basis. But there really do not have to be exhaustive policies, as long as employees are safety-conscious and supervisors are looking after their employees.

Hindsight being 20/20, the employee's supervisor decided that employees will wear hard hats while working under vehicles. If more people practice foresight, even for the most common tasks, they will not have to react to hindsight.

AROUND THE CORPS

VMA-211, from biplanes to jet planes

By Cpl. Trent Rundell
TORII TELLER Staff

By today's standards a biplane has little to offer in a combat environment. However, for the Marine Attack Squadron 211 Wake Island Avengers, the biplane was a starting point for a squadron whose name rings with decades of combat engagements.

The Avengers have one of the most significant backgrounds of the four AV-8B Harrier squadrons assigned to Marine Aircraft Group 13, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing.

Marine Attack Squadron 211 began as a fighter squadron in 1937, flying the Grumman F-3F biplane fighter aircraft at Naval Air Station San Diego. The squadron eventually packed up and moved to Ewa, Hawaii, in January 1941, where its name was changed to VMA-211 and it traded its outdated aircraft for the Grumman F4F-3 Wildcat.

In November 1941, VMA-211 departed with its 12 Wildcats aboard the USS Enterprise for movement to Wake Island. What could not be predicted were the heroic events that would take place there.

"We were part of one of the most significant battles of World War II," said Sgt. Maj. Carter Lanier, VMA-211 sergeant major. "We try and make the Marines understand and uphold the honor that comes with being an 'Avenger.'"

On Dec. 8, 1941, the Japanese attacked Wake Island, destroying seven of the 12 aircraft on the ground. In the next two weeks, the remaining five planes held off numerous attacks by the Japanese and caused great losses to

the enemy. During the battle, the Marine ground forces and VMA-211 caused the loss of at least four enemy warships, and the remaining 211 pilots shot down at least 21 enemy aircraft.

Despite the Marines' efforts to maintain control of the island, the numerically superior enemy finally overran Wake Island on Dec. 25, 1941. What was left of the squadron was then transferred to Palmyra Atoll in the South Pacific and adopted the name "Avengers" in memory of those squadron members who were killed or captured on Wake Island. They fought the rest of the war flying the F-4U Corsair.

"I've been with the squadron for three years," said Cpl. John McAllister, airframes mechanic. "The way they defended Wake Island makes me proud about our history, but I'm also proud of the squadron today because we are one of the most respected attack harrier squadrons around."

In 1957, the squadron entered the era of the jet aircraft when it received its first A-4 Skyhawks and subsequently moved to El Toro, Calif., in 1958. However, its time in El Toro would be short-lived, as another conflict began to brew in Vietnam. The Avengers moved to Japan in 1965 and commenced the first of four deployments to Vietnam.

In August 1976, the squadron returned to El Toro where it replaced its old A-4s with the latest Skyhawk model, the A-4M.

In September 1987, the squadron celebrated an aviation milestone when it passed 30 years of flying the McDonnell Douglas A-4 Skyhawk. After successfully completing the last



Photo by Cpl. Kurt Fredrickson

Marines with VMA-211 make repairs on one of their six AV-8B Harriers currently at Iwakuni. The squadron will join the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) to provide commander's more support options.

overseas deployment with the A-4M Skyhawk in 1989, VMA-211 began transferring these aircraft to the 4th Marine Aircraft Wing in preparation for transition to the AV-8B night attack aircraft.

After 30 years of service, the A-4's were becoming outdated and the newer AV-8B Harrier could give the operational commander more options, noted Lanier. The new Harrier could land on a football field while a fixed-wing aircraft would have to use a runway, he added.

In June 1990, the squadron began flying the night attack harrier. It presently flies both the standard and the night attack model, while receiving more Harriers and training pilots in the night attack mission.

The Avengers were named the Marine Corps Aviation Association "Attack Squadron of the Year" for 1995 and 1996. The squadron also received the Chief of Naval Operations Safety Award in 1994, 1995 and 1996.

Today the squadron's mission is very different from their biplane-flying fore-

fathers. Their mission is to provide close-air support, conduct armed reconnaissance and limited air-defense to Marine expeditionary forces.

However, no matter what the mission, the Avengers have always been ready to serve.

"It is something very special to be part of an organization of such elite people," said Capt. Van Davidson, director of safety. "If future Marines will uphold the history and standards set forth by our predecessors, then we will stay an elite squadron."

CWC Seven Forty

Story and photos by Sgt. Anwaar AIMoribat Press Chief

They are a cluster of cost work centers working toward the same mission, all under the umbrella of the Business Support Center and the direct supervision of Greg Johnson.

They cut, bend, lathe, mend and mold a multitude of substances, primarily metal alloys, but almost anything is workable in these highly special-

ized shops.

The Machine Shop, Sheet Metal Shop and Welding, or cost work centers 741, 742 and 743 respectively, fabricate almost anything Maintenance Center Barstow has a need for.

A peek through the worn, plastic curtains that conceal the inner workings of the Machine Shop reveals yesterday's and today's technology honing and shaping steel side-by-side.

A recently purchased, state-of-the-art lathe bores and finishes an M198 Howitzer barrel to tolerances

within one thousandth of an inch.

"This new machine was purchased in the latter part of 2001, and it's the latest and greatest," said a smiling Greg Johnson, CWC 741, 742 and 743 supervisor. "It cost about \$250,000, but it is well worth the investment."

That cost is projected to be surpassed by income receipts from a larger pool of customers generated in part by new-found capabilities.

In line with MCB Commander Col. Ervin Rivers' goal of becoming the maintenance and repair depot of choice West of the Mississippi, the Machine Shop now garners a larger portion of repair work on the M198 Howitzer than before.

That work includes contracts for several Army units and all fifth-echelon repair done on the cannons for the Marine Corps.

Straight ahead from CWC 741 and down the main passageway, the hiss and crackle of molten steel punctuated by rising tufts of smoke point the way to the Welding Shop on the left as the clang-crunch-shuffle song of cold metal being pressed bellows from the Sheet Metal Shop to the right.

Red-tinted, plastic curtains dampen the blue-hot glow of blazing torches at the Welding Shop's entrance.

Eye protection is a must here. Sparks and chunks of hot steel fly from center floor working area as welder Greg Walsten cuts away and polishes the rear hatch of a Light Armored Vehicle damaged in a training accident.

"This is the kind of work we do best," said Johnson. "This is a custom fabrication job because

each of these vehicles is unique. You can't just go out and buy one. You have to make it to fit just this vehicle."

Contact missions by installations thousands of customers requesting similar Barstow welders routinely contact missions, which tens of thousands of dollars.

Cost work Center 741 and bend three-dimensional metal.

Vehicle trailers, gun racks are a few of the creations Metal Shop.

"We recently drew up assist [cost work center] encountered after winning said Rocky Bevans, mobile "We made six gun stands barrels from the 50 cal."

They artisans of CWC carriage for test-firing the gun.

The fabrication cluster what it is, we can make

Regardless if the part in circulation or is no longer factured or fabricated.

That's what they do at and 743.

Welder Greg Walsten works on an LAV damaged during a training incident. Walsten's trade and hobby are the same. He sharpens his welding skills by building race cars during his off time.



Rocky Bevans (front) and Mike Manness, heavy mobile equipment metal mechanics, sort through polished metal platelets.

Roger Moncada, machine tool operator, checks the honed barrel of an M198 Howitzer.

(FAR RIGHT) A metal lathe machines a barrel for a 81mm mortar. The mad max of machines has been in use at Maintenance Center Barstow since 1957. It shares its workload with a new, state-of-the-art lathe purchased at the cost of \$250,000.



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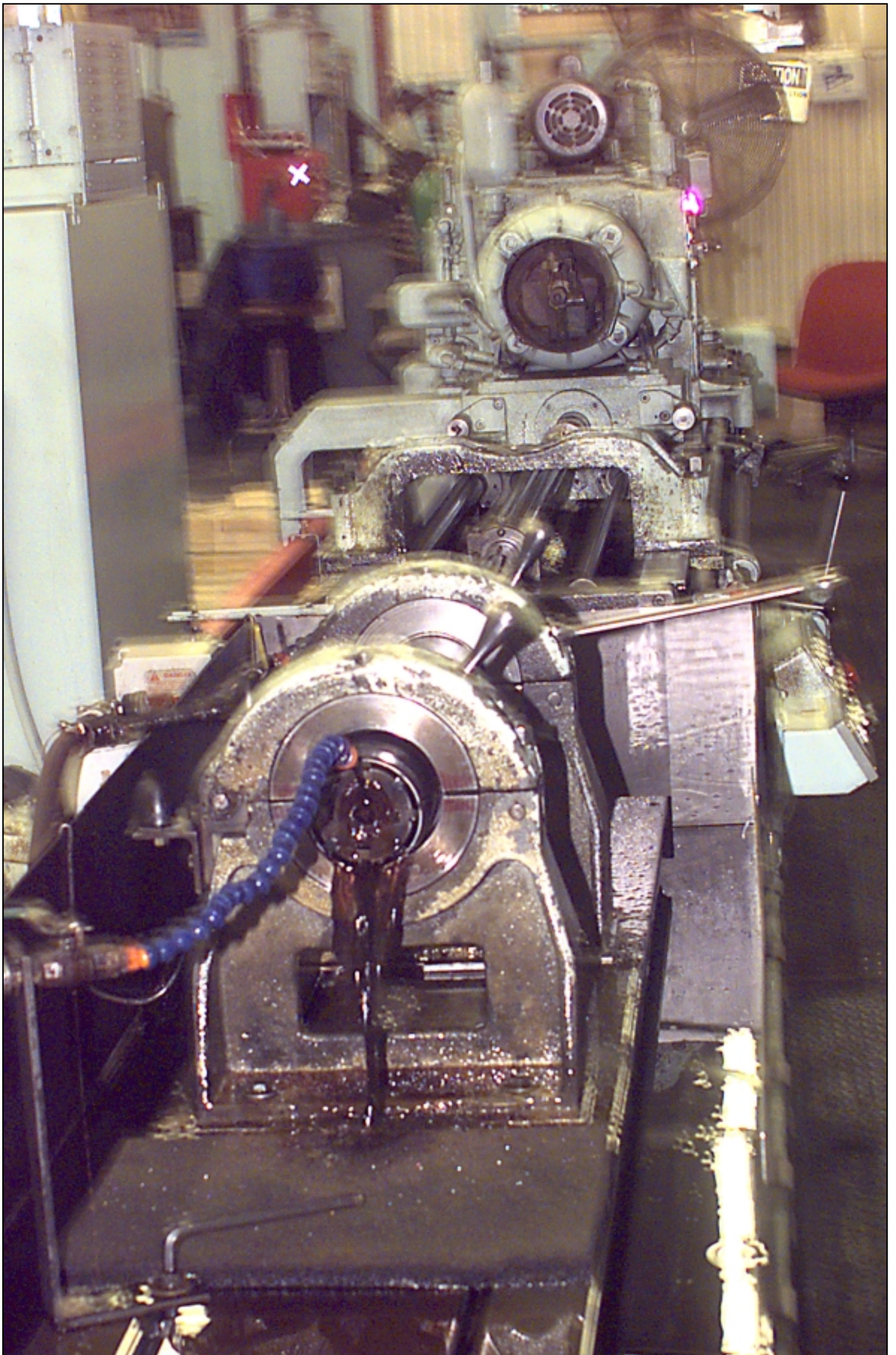
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shares a motto, "It doesn't matter
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available, it can be made, manu-

at Cost Work Centers 741, 742



Sorry Ones blow out Clinic B despite being shorthanded

By Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt
BARSTOW LOG staff

The Sorry Ones blitzed Clinic B 53-6 in their flag football match up Monday night at Sorensen Field.

Clinic B never stood a chance against the younger, quicker players of the Sorry Ones.

The Sorry Ones only had three players for almost all of the first half. Each team is allowed to put four on the field at one time, but four Clinic B players could not contain the explosiveness of three Sorry Ones.

When the Sorry Ones finally had a fourth player show up, the game was over.

With only three players, the Sorry Ones kept feeding the ball to the shifty Clinton Myers, who juked through the Clinic B defense. He

even threw a touchdown to Larry Chavez. Abel Chavez also got in the act by catching a touchdown from his brother.

When Daniel Robinson finally made it to the game, the Sorry Ones were up 20-6. Robinson's speed quickly helped put more points on the board for his team.

Using his height, Robinson out-jumped his defender in the end zone to catch a touchdown. He then intercepted a pass and ran it back for another score. On the next possession, Robinson caught a deep pass from Larry Chavez to score three consecutive touchdowns for the Sorry Ones.

After Robinson quickly made the game a laughter, Clinic B tried to score more points to make the score a little more respectable, but the Sorry Ones wouldn't even let them get a first down.

The final score was 53-6. In other flag football games, on Feb. 6, the Sorry Ones won a nail biter against the Firefighters, 28-18. The Phat Boys beat Clinic B 16-9, and the 4-Runners beat Clinic A, 31-6. Supply also whipped Comm, 34-0.

In the rest of the games Monday night, the 4-Runners squeaked by Supply, 27-20.

Comm put away the Phat Boys, 25-6, and the Firefighters spanked Clinic A, 34-12.

There are no games next week due to the President's Day holiday Monday and the Battalion Ski Trip to Big Bear Mountain Wednesday.

Games will resume Feb. 25 when Clinic B takes on the 4-Runners, Clinic A plays Supply, the Phat Boys play the Firefighters and the Sorry Ones face Comm.

SHADOW from Page 1

"Taking pictures and getting information is harder than you think it is. And getting in front of a camera and reporting seems like fun, but it's a lot of stress because you want to get it right."

Barstow Community College freshman Yokzajandy Olea agreed, but found she might be well suited for television broadcasting and reporting.

"At first, I wasn't very interested in public affairs," said Olea, "but after today I'm seriously considering pursuing a career in the media. I liked what I had a chance to do today. I've never done anything like it before. Now that I have, I think that it's something I want to do."

I learned a great deal." Two students escorted by Sgt. Michael Reyes, watch commander, learned about the spectrum of occupations within the military police.

Erin Onstad, a student at Silver Valley, and Amber Chavez of Central High visited the Military Working Dog Section, Criminal Investigation Division, the Public Safety Division Headquarters and spent much of the day patrolling the command's streets with Reyes.

"We tagged our students up with Sergeant Reyes because the two young ladies were really interested in law enforcement and Reyes was an on-duty watch commander so it gave them a chance to get out and see what we do,"

said Master Sgt. Richard Wilkinson. "The young ladies learned some things they didn't know and enjoyed it."

Students Shameka Holliday of Silver Valley and Evelyn Casioce of Barstow High learned more about the time honored profession of standing in the shadow of Senior Chief Petty Officer Chris Roseta, Branch Medical Clinic senior enlisted leader.

"Being a doctor is a dream that I want to pursue," said Holliday. "The more I can learn about it the better."

The Child Development Center is scheduled to conduct a Groundhog Job Shadow Day Friday for students interested in learning more about careers in child development and education.

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to concern themselves with is losing their wallet," said Betlewicz. "When you think about losing your wallet, you think that most thieves are concerned with the cash inside, but in a lot of cases cash is the least valuable item."

"Your wallet provides a criminal with ready access to sensitive information," said Betlewicz. "It can be used to drain your bank accounts, get credit cards, and make it difficult for you to obtain

credit in the future." Limiting the amount of personal information in one's wallet can help deter identity theft.

"People often assume when their wallet is stolen, all they need to do is cancel their plastic," said Betlewicz. "You don't want to carry around your bank account numbers and PIN numbers, passport, birth certificate, and most importantly your social security card."

Also, protecting personal checks can help lower the risk of theft.

"Avoid carrying more blank checks than you need," said Betlewicz. "Instead of taking your whole checkbook with you, take one or two checks with you instead."

In the event of identity theft, having the phone numbers to notify credit agencies of stolen cards is crucial.

Keep your account numbers and telephone numbers that can be used to report stolen credit cards in a different spot, so you have them to report your cards lost or stolen if you need to," said Betlewicz.

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country.

The Marine Corps continues to benefit from the contributions of African Americans today. Marines like Frederick C. Branch, the first African American commissioned officer in the Marine Corps, Sergeant Major Alford McMichael, the first African American sergeant major of the Marine

Corps, and Lieutenant Colonel Christopher Bourne, commanding officer for Battalion Landing Team First Battalion, First Marines, whose battalion is currently participating in America's war on terrorism. From privates to generals, the legacy of our Corps will continue to be shaped in part by dedicated African Americans whose rich cultural heritage, effective leadership, and professionalism serve as worth

examples for all hands to respect, admire, and emulate.

This year's theme is, "The African American Legacy: Contributions and service in America's Defense." Commanders are encouraged to acknowledge the history and achievements of African Americans, military and civilian, as an integral part of the Marine Corps team by encouraging participation in observance events.



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Presidents Day Sale at MCX

The Presidents Day Sale starts Friday at the Super Seven Store (Nebo) and Railhead Exchange (Yermo). All video cameras 10 percent off, all Palm Pilots 20 percent off, and all MP3 players in stock 25 percent off.

The sale runs through Feb. 28. Watch for Manager's Specials throughout the store all month long.

The Exchange/Super Seven Store is open Mondays through Fridays 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturdays 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sundays and holidays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Railhead Exchange is open Mondays through Fridays 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. During troop rotations, open Mondays to Fridays 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturdays and

Sundays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Lunch Menu

Note: Unless otherwise stated, the menu for the Cactus Cafe is the same as the Family Restaurant.

Today – Prime rib.

Friday – Baked cod.

Monday – Presidents Day Holiday - Family Restaurant with menu service 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Cactus Cafe closed.

Tuesday – Pork Loin.

Wednesday – Chicken Cacciatore.

Thursday – Prime rib.

Family Night menu

Tonight – *Sweetheart's Dinner Special!* Steak for two \$10, steak for one \$5.50, served with tossed green salad, baked potato, dessert and beverage. Dinner served 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Reservations have been requested - call 577-6428 for space available.

Thursday 21 – Mexicali Night

NEW HOURS
NEW
SCHEDULE

This week at the **OASIS CLUB**

SEE YOU
AT
THE CLUB!

Monday through Friday 3:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Monday: Welcome Back Nite – The club says welcome back from the weekend by providing a place to unwind. Enjoy watching sports on the large screen TV or play some games: Darts, Pool, or try out our two new video amusement games. Bar food menu is available if you get hungry.

Tuesday: Burn Your Own Steak Nite – This should be right down your alley if you enjoy doing the barbeque yourself. The club will sell you a beef steak or seafood steak (halibut or salmon) at a special price and you cook it yourself. To complete the meal, the club will provide a tossed green salad and baked potato with all the trimmings.

Wednesday: Movie/CD Nite – This is your time to get away from it all. Watch a movie (movie list will be at the bar) or listen to music (bring your CDs or select from ours). Bar Food Menu is available if you get hungry.

Thursday: Happy Hour/Members Nite – This is the time for you and your friends to gather and enjoy the social atmosphere of your club. Happy Hour goes from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., and the Bar Food Menu is available if you get hungry.

Friday: Family Member TGIFamily Nite – The week is over; bring the family down to the club and relax. Disney movies and refreshments provided for the children. Darts, pool table and video games available for the adults. Bar Food Menu is available if you get hungry.

Please submit all Trader Ads to
editor@barstow.usmc.mil.

2000 MUSTANG GT: 5 Speed, performance Red, 59k miles, 16k miles remaining warranty, very, very good condition, asking \$12,000 OBO. Call Wyatt, 843-0665, 8 a.m. – 10 p.m.

1998 CHEVY S-10: Fully loaded, lowered with rims, rear air shocks, \$12,000. Call 954-7567.

1992 LEBARON: Red, convertible, 104,202 miles, timing belt changed Sept. 17, 2001, power locks, windows and driver seat, cruise control and air-bags, \$4,000, OBO. Call Mario at 252-4688.

1990 LINCOLN CONTINENTAL: 3.8 eng., loaded, less than 30k on rebuilt motor, \$2,500 firm. Call 257-3455 AWH, daytime 559-8461 ask for Tom.

1985 FORD BRONCO: P/S, P/B, 4 Speed, 300 six cyl, trans and rear-end overhauled recently, runs good, \$3,500, OBO. Call 254-1978.

1979 FORD VAN CONVERSION 150: Runs great, has many new parts, \$1,200. OBO. Call 255-2115.

1966 DODGE: Station Wagon, 383 engine, auto, air, runs, needs TLC, \$1,200. Call 254-1913.

MISCELLANEOUS: Polished steel wheels, five, 15x7, six lug, from 1994 Nissan, 4x4 pick-up, Call 253-3081, lv msg.

MISCELLANEOUS: Sweetheart shaped boxes with locking heart, handmade from exotic woods, felt lined, \$20. Call Jim 255-2115.

MISCELLANEOUS: Dining room set, table with six chairs xlt. cond. \$300, OBO; Seven piece bedroom set, includes new king size mattress and box springs, xlt cond, \$1,000, OBO, must see to appreciate. Call 256-1430 AWH.

MISCELLANEOUS: Pageant dresses, sizes 2-7, worn only once. Make offer. Call 252-1311 AWH.

MISCELLANEOUS: Sofa, color is gray and white w/ delicate yellow flowers, xlt. cond, \$300, OBO; recliner, like new, Color is mauve, \$300. Call 256-1430 AWH.

MISCELLANEOUS: Twin size bed, wooden frame with two drawers for clothes at bottom, \$60. Call 256-2434.

MISCELLANEOUS: Exercise equipment, Ab-Doer Pro, \$60; Ultra Glide XL \$60; Ultra Total Gym \$20, all new condition. Call 256-0595.

MISCELLANEOUS: Solid oak easy chair, green, \$50. Call 252-7789.

MISCELLANEOUS: Portable Super Nintendo game system, \$50; Arcade cabinet for regular Nintendo just add TV up to 19" and regular Nintendo game system, \$50; 250 MEG external zip drive USB used, \$130. Call 252-7789.

WANTED: Honda CRX or Honda Civic, running or not. Call 254-1913.

LOST AND FOUND: Two pair of prescription glasses found in government vehicles. One pair tinted. Can be claimed at Dispatch Desk, Bldg.

322, between 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

LOST AND FOUND: Childs bicycle and helmet, B.B. gun. Call Sgt. Meeden 577-6514.

THANK YOU: The family of Wanda M. Armstrong would like to thank all of our friends and co-workers for their support, prayers, flowers and cards at the loss of our beloved mother, Wanda. Sondra, Lewis, Simon and Dortha.

